



County of Riverside
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

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May 6, 2019

System No. 3301045

Blythe Mobile Home Estates
Attn: Al Scibilia & William and Marie Sandvik
P.O. Box 284
Valley Center, CA 92082

CITATION NO. 05_63_19C_010
TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION
FOR APRIL 2019

Enclosed is Citation No. 05_63_19C_010 (hereinafter "Citation"), issued to Blythe Mobile Home Estates (hereinafter "Blythe MHE"), public water system. Please note that there are legally enforceable deadlines associated with this Citation.

Any future repeat violations will result in Blythe MHE to be billed at the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (hereinafter "Department"), hourly rate for the time spent on issuing a Citation. California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC") Section 116577, provides that a public water system must reimburse the Department for actual costs incurred by the Department for specified enforcement actions, including by not limited to preparing, issuing and monitoring compliance with a citation.

Any person who is aggrieved by a citation, order or decision issued under authority delegated to an officer or employee of the Department under Article 8 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116625) or Article 9 (commencing with CHSC, Section 116650), of the Safe Drinking Water Act (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter 4), may file a petition with the State Water Board for reconsideration of the citation, order or decision.

Petitions must be received by the State Water Board within 30 days of the issuance of the citation, order or decision by the officer or employee of the Department. The date of issuance is the date when the Department mails a copy of the citation, order or decision. If the 30th day falls on a Saturday, Sunday, or state holiday, the petition is due the following business day by 5:00 p.m.

Information regarding filing petitions may be found at:

http://www.waterboards.ca.gov/drinking_water/programs/petitions/index.shtml

If you have any questions regarding this matter, please contact me at (760) 863-7570.

Sincerely,

Jackie Jones
Environmental Health Specialist

Certified Mail No. 7015 0640 0006 0766 7395
cc: State Water Resource Control Board, Division of Drinking Water

RIVERSIDE COUNTY
DEPARTMENT OF ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH

Name of Public Water System: Blythe Mobile Home Estates

Water System No: 3301045

Attention: Blythe Mobile Home Estates

Attn: Al Scibilia & William and Marie Sandvik

P.O. Box 284

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**CITATION FOR NONCOMPLIANCE WITH
CALIFORNIA HEALTH AND SAFETY CODE, SECTION 116555(a)(1) AND
CALIFORNIA CODE OF REGULATIONS, TITLE 22, SECTION 64426.1**

TOTAL COLIFORM MAXIMUM CONTAMINANT LEVEL VIOLATION

APRIL 2019

The California Health and Safety Code (hereinafter "CHSC"), Section 116650 authorizes the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health (hereinafter "Department"), acting by and through its primacy delegation from the State Water Resources Control Board (State Water Board), to issue a citation to a public water system when the Department determines that the

1 public water system has violated or is violating the California Safe Drinking
2 Water Act (hereinafter "California SDWA"), (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12,
3 Chapter 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard,
4 permit, or order issued or adopted thereunder.

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6 The Department acting by and through its primacy delegation from the State
7 Water Board, hereby issues Citation No. 05_63_19C_010 (hereinafter
8 "Citation"), pursuant to Section 116650 of the CHSC to the Blythe Mobile
9 Home Estates water system (hereinafter "Blythe MHE"), for violation of CHSC,
10 Section 116555(a)(1) and California Code of Regulations (hereinafter "CCR"),
11 Title 22, Section 64426.1 Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level (MCL)
12 (hereinafter "MCL").

14 **STATEMENT OF FACTS**

15 Blythe Mobile Estates is classified as a Community public water system with
16 a population of approximately 35, serving twenty-three residential service
17 connections and one landscape irrigation connection.

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19 CHSC, Section 116555(a)(1) requires all public water systems to comply with
20 primary drinking water standards as defined in CHSC, Section 116275(c).
21 Primary drinking water standards include maximum levels of contaminants
22 and the monitoring and reporting requirements as specified in regulations
23 adopted by the State Water Board that pertain to maximum contaminant
24 levels.

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26 CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1, Total Coliform Maximum Contaminant Level
27 (hereinafter "MCL"), states that a public water system is in violation of the total
28 coliform MCL if it collects fewer than 40 bacteriological samples per month

1 and if more than one sample collected during any month is total coliform-
2 positive.

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4 The Department received laboratory results for eight bacteriological samples
5 collected during April 2019 from Blythe MHE. All samples were analyzed for
6 the presence of total coliform bacteria. Two of the eight samples analyzed
7 were positive for total coliform bacteria. None of the total coliform positive
8 samples showed the presence of *Escherichia coli* (*E. coli*) bacteria.

9 10 **DETERMINATION**

11 Blythe MHE took fewer than 40 bacteriological samples during April 2019.
12 The results of one routine sample and one follow up sample were total
13 coliform positive. Therefore, the Department has determined that Blythe MHE
14 has failed to comply with drinking water standards pursuant to CHSC, Section
15 116555(a)(1) and CCR, Title 22, Section 64426.1 during April 2019.

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17 The Department received a completed Level 1 Assessment from the certified
18 water operator as required by CCR, Title 22, Section 64426(b)(2) on April 25,
19 2019.

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21 The Department received a Tier 2 notice from the certified water operator on
22 April 25, 2019. The Department returned the notice to the operator with a few
23 corrections on April 29, 2019. According to the certified water operator, the
24 corrected Tier 2 notice was handed out to the residents on May 1, 2019.

25 26 **DIRECTIVES**

27 Blythe MHE is hereby directed to take the following actions:

- 1 1. Confirm all persons served by Blythe MHE received a copy of the
2 approved Tier 2 notice on May 1, 2019.
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- 4 2. Complete Appendix 2: Compliance Certification Form. Submit it
5 together with a copy of the public notification required by Directive 1 to
6 the Department on or before **June 10, 2019**.
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- 8 3. Pursuant to CCR, Title 22, Section 64424(d), collect and have
9 analyzed for total coliform bacteria, five (5) routine bacteriological
10 samples on or before **May 31, 2019**.
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- 12 4. The Blythe MHE shall include this violation in the 2019 Consumer
13 Confidence Report in accordance with CCR, Title 22, Section 64481
14 (d)(3).
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16 All submittals required by this Citation, shall be submitted to the following
17 address or electronically to jajones@rivco.org.

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19 Department of Environmental Health
20 Attn: Jackie Jones
21 47-950 Arabia St, Ste A
22 Indio, CA 92201

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24 The Department reserves the right to make modifications to this Citation as it
25 may deem necessary to protect public health and safety. Such modifications
26 may be issued as amendments to this Citation and shall be effective upon
27 issuance.

1 Nothing in this Citation relieves Blythe MHE of its obligation to meet the
2 requirements of the California SDWA (CHSC, Division 104, Part 12, Chapter
3 4, commencing with Section 116270), or any regulation, standard, permit or
4 order issued or adopted thereunder.

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6 **PARTIES BOUND**

7 This Citation shall apply to and be binding upon Blythe MHE, its owners,
8 shareholders, officers, directors, agents, employees, contractors, successors,
9 and assignees.

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11 **SEVERABILITY**

12 The directives of this Citation are severable, and Blythe MHE shall comply
13 with each and every provision thereof notwithstanding the effectiveness of
14 any provision.

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16 **FURTHER ENFORCEMENT ACTION**

17 The California SDWA authorizes Riverside County Department of
18 Environmental Health, pursuant to authority delegated by the State Water
19 Board, to: issue a citation or order with assessment of administrative penalties
20 to a public water system for violation or continued violation of the
21 requirements of the California SDWA or any regulation, permit, standard,
22 citation, or order issued or adopted thereunder including, but not limited to,
23 failure to correct a violation identified in a citation or compliance order. The
24 California SDWA also authorizes the Riverside County Department of
25 Environmental Health to take action to suspend or revoke a permit that has
26 been issued to a public water system if the public water system has violated
27 applicable law or regulations or has failed to comply with an order of the
28 Riverside County Department of Environmental Health, and to petition the

superior court to take various enforcement measures against a public water system that has failed to comply with an order of the Riverside County Department of Environmental Health. The Riverside County Department of Environmental Health does not waive any further enforcement action by issuance of this Citation.



May 6, 2019

Jackie Jones
Environmental Health Specialist

Date

Appendices 2:

- 1. Notification Template
- 2. Compliance Certification Form

Certified Mail No. 7015 0640 0006 0766 7395

APPENDIX 2. NOTIFICATION TEMPLATE

IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT YOUR DRINKING WATER

Este informe contiene información muy importante sobre su agua potable.
Tradúzcalo o hable con alguien que lo entienda bien.

Blythe Mobile Home Estates Has Levels of Coliform Bacteria Above the Drinking Water Standard

Our water system recently violated a drinking water standard. Although this is not an emergency, as our customers, you have a right to know what you should do, what happened, and what we did to correct this situation.

We routinely monitor for drinking water contaminants. We took eight (8) samples to test for the presence of coliform bacteria during April 2019. Two (2) of those samples showed the presence of total coliform bacteria. The standard is that no more than 1 sample per month may do so.

What should I do?

- **You do not need to boil your water or take other corrective actions.**
- This is not an emergency. If it had been, you would have been notified immediately. Total coliform bacteria are generally not harmful themselves. *Coliforms are bacteria which are naturally present in the environment and are used as an indicator that other, potentially-harmful, bacteria may be present. Coliforms were found in more samples than allowed and this was a warning of potential problems.*
- Usually, coliforms are a sign that there could be a problem with the system's treatment or distribution system (pipes). Whenever we detect coliform bacteria in any sample, we do follow-up testing to see if other bacteria of greater concern, such as fecal coliform or *E. coli*, are present. **We did not find any of these bacteria in our subsequent testing, and further testing shows that this problem has been resolved.**
- People with severely compromised immune systems, infants, and some elderly may be at increased risk. These people should seek advice about drinking water from their health care providers. General guidelines on ways to lessen the risk of infection by microbes are available from U.S. EPA's Safe Drinking Water Hotline at 1(800) 426-4791.
- If you have other health issues concerning the consumption of this water, you may wish to consult your doctor.

What happened? What was done?

The well and/or distribution system has been disinfected and additional samples do not show presence of coliform bacteria. For more information, please contact April Scibilia at 760-703-7474 or P.O. Box 284 Valley Center, CA. 84606.

Please share this information with all the other people who drink this water, especially those who may not have received this notice directly (for example, people in apartments, nursing homes, schools, and businesses). You can do this by posting this public notice in a public place or distributing copies by hand or mail.

This notice is being sent to you by Blythe Mobile Home Estates.

State Water System ID#: 330145. Date distributed: _____.

APPENDIX 2. COMPLIANCE CERTIFICATION

Citation Number: 05_63_19C_010

Name of Water System: Blythe Mobile Home Estates

System Number: 3301045

Certification

I certify that the users of the water supplied by this water system were notified of the bacteriological MCL violation as per California Code of Regulations, Title 22, Section 64426.1, for the compliance period of April 2019 and the required actions listed below were completed.

| Required Action | Date Completed |
|--|----------------|
| <i>(Citation Directive 1) Public Notification Method(s) Used:</i> | |
| <i>(Citation Directive 3) Collect five (5) routine bacteriological samples and have samples analyzed for Total Coliform & E.coli bacteria in the month following the MCL exceedance.</i> | |

Signature of Water System Representative

Date

Attach a copy of the public notice distributed to the water system's customers.

**THIS FORM MUST BE COMPLETED AND RETURNED TO THE STATE WATER BOARD,
DIVISION OF DRINKING WATER, NO LATER THAN June 10, 2019.**

Disclosure: Be advised that the California Health and Safety Code, Sections 116725 and 116730 state that any person who knowingly makes any false statement on any report or document submitted for the purpose of compliance with the Safe Drinking Water Act may be liable for, respectively, a civil penalty not to exceed five thousand dollars (\$5,000) for each separate violation or, for continuing violations, for each day that violation continues, or be punished by a fine of not more than \$25,000 for each day of violation, or by imprisonment in the county jail not to exceed one year, or by both the fine and imprisonment.